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## Lesson of a Life

The first president of the United States was a very rich man for his day and country. At the time of his death, 106 years ago today, he is conservatively estimated to have been worth \$800,000. For sixteen years his effigy has loomed over Wall street, New York. The lesson which the New York Evening Mail recently read, from the presence of this statue, to the American millionaire class, may well be read on this anniversary of loss to the whole American people. The lesson in substance is this:

Washington was a rich man. He bought and sold and got to himself much gain. He traded and trafficked. He knew a good bargain and he did not fail to avail himself of it, whether it lay in selling corn and beans or purchasing mules and molasses. But while he was a rich man, he was at the same time a man of cultivation, of grace, of exalted patriotism and self-abnegation. He had a capacity for retirement and repose, as well as for activity and accumulation. He was not a monomaniac on the subject of money making, nor did he serve his plantation first and his country afterward. The plantation and its revenues were mere adjuncts to a life in which all things were subordinated to the country's service.

When the magnates of Wall street glance up at Washington in front of the sub-treasury building, or when the nation at large remembers his death or commemorates his birth, they should think of this. A rich man's duty to his country, in these days of politicians' tricks and easy debasements, is not discharged by voting, by signing a political petition, or by contributing to a campaign fund—especially if the contribution be made from other people's money or is given to opposing parties at the same time in order to "stand in." It should involve attendance at the caucus, and good hard work, and now and then a serious sacrifice of the chance to make more money, in order to serve the public. It is not asked that our rich men go to Valley Forge nowadays. But it might be asked that a few of the best, most conscientious and most highly esteemed of them go to the legislature.

## Student's Foolish Error

It was a ludicrous and stupid mistake, says an exchange, which was made by a young man, a student of the Dickinson School of Law, when set upon by thugs as he was on his way to the Delta Chi fraternity for initiation. "Aren't you beginning a little early, boys?" he demanded, thinking it was part of the initiation. The miscreants sand-bagged him, dragged him down an alley and separated him from \$36 which they found in his pockets. He recovered consciousness two hours afterward. The outraged and cheated brethren of the fraternity spent half the night looking for his assailants, vowing that they would put them through all the courses of an old-fashioned Greek Letter initiation, if they caught them.

No man in his right senses has a right to mistake a mere hold-up for that sterling and stirring function, a fraternity initiation. Nothing much happens in a hold-up. The victim is swatted and robbed, it is true, but it is done with merciful dispatch and without garish ostentation. He is not deprived of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He is not sequestered for a week to the agony of fond and foolish parents. He is not tied to a railroad track to be obliterated by an unscheduled express train. He is not suffocated by poisonous gas. He is not compelled "to jig, to amble, to lisp" clad in baby linen, in the presence of the grinning multitude on a city street.

We do not think it probable that highwaymen will generally adopt the ruse of feigning an initiation. Firstly, it could only apply to college students, and the thieves would be likely to find unpaid board bills rather than greenbacks in the pockets of their victims. Secondly, and chiefly, the tactics of hold-ups would have to be elaborated, brutalized and stiffened up all along the line to give them the similitude of a Greek Letter welcome.

## A Progressive Order

For many generations Masonry was the leading fraternal organization of the world, and she is still the mother of them all. Not only this, but the triennial convocation of Knights Templar was the largest and most brilliant assemblage among the fraternities. But it seems that the last claim can no longer be asserted. The order of Elks, while incomparably inferior to Masonry in the completeness of its ritual and the sublimity of its teachings, appears to have passed the order of the size and attractiveness of its representative gatherings.

Illustrative of this assertion, it has been announced that between 50,000 and 75,000 Elks are expected to travel towards Denver next year. Grand Exalted Ruler Brown has approved the plans of the Denver committee. Under the directions of William Maher, exalted ruler of Denver lodge No. 17, \$60,000 is being raised to entertain the visitors. In addition to this the great mines of Colorado, gold and silver, are offering gold and silver bullion as prizes. The roads have made a rate of \$25 from Chicago and this will attract many thousands of extra visitors.

The plans of the entertainment committee are unique in details. The largest band of Indians ever gathered together, at least during the past ten years, will be on hand. Wyoming will join with Colorado in furnishing a big band of real elk from the mountains and plains. Trips to the greatest mines in the world, trips to the mountains, with wild west shows of the real order, are a few of the things in store for the visitors.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: The American and the Englishman say: How do you do? The Frenchman: How do you find yourself? The Italian: How do you stand? The Spaniard: Go with God, son, for good-bye. The Hollander: Have you had a good dinner. The Chinese: Have you eaten your rice? The Egyptian: How do you perspire? The Mohammedan: Peace be with you. The Persian: May thy shadow never grow less! The Haremese rub their noses against each other's cheek, exclaiming: Give me a smell. Arabs of eminence kiss each other's cheek and say: God grant thee His favor and give health to thy family.

The Optic says: "There is a good big fight left in the friends of separate statehood and they will spare no effort to defeat the selfish scheme to join Arizona and New Mexico. It appears quite likely now that Arizona will be left out of the equation at her own request and New Mexico be admitted alone." Yes, just as likely as, but no more than that the moon will turn to green cheese and each of us will be given his share. It is joint statehood now, or indefinite territorial continuance. "This most, not all, of those who are fighting jointure know full well, and this is the simple and unmixed cause of the fight in which they are engaged.

What joint statehood most needs just at this time is a concentrated effort upon the democratic in congress. Not that they can either pass the bill or defeat it, but because by filibustering they may greatly delay the bill's coming to a vote, or, perhaps, may prevent its being voted upon altogether. So, if you know any democratic senators or representatives, write to them and get your friends to do likewise, urging that no dilatory tactics be employed against the measure which is so vital to the interests of New Mexico and Arizona.

Springer Stockman: So great and glorious is the desire for education at Roy that the district school directors have fired the teacher, a good educator, and are considering the advisability of giving the job to a tin-horn gambler. They probably saw that the other man was using his salary to support his wife and children.

## Blessings Derived From Forgetfulness

From Denver Times.

Forget it! There is no creed of greater value to humanity than that comprised in these two words. Forget what? Forget all the real or fancied injuries done you. Forget the slights, the injustices, the misunderstandings of your motives. Forget all in the past that to you seemed bad and remember only the good. Every real or fancied wrong remembered, every desire to repay the same in kind harbored, works an injury not only to the individual who harbors it, but to society as well. No man or woman can be true to themselves while they harbor in their natures a sense of wrongs done them or a desire to revenge themselves for real or fancied injuries, slights or indignities. The most unhappy person in existence is he who remembers all the little unpleasantnesses that are bound to creep into every life. The lesson taught from these is the only thing worth remembering. Every human life might be happier than it is if each would adopt this simple creed: Forget as far as possible every unpleasant thing in the past. Forget the ills of the present. It doesn't make them or you any better to think about them or dwell upon them in thought or conversation. Drive them out of mind by turning attention to something else. Let the mind dwell upon the pleasant, positive things in life to the exclusion of the negative, unpleasant things, and the result will be an increase in the sum total of human happiness. Forget it! In the practical application of this creed there is health, joy and happiness for whoever will make it his own.

## Very Silly Woman Or Exaggerated Story

From Detroit Free Press.

Miss Grace Weatherbee, daughter of one of the proprietors of the Manhattan hotel, in New York, a beautiful and gifted girl, who had all the advantages of education and society that money brings, is now living on the Shoshone Indian reservation, the wife of a full-blooded Indian. She dresses as a squaw, carries a papoose on her back, is careless in her manners and indifferent to the conventions which govern white society. But she is regarded as a saint by the Indians, and has richly earned the title.

The romance of Grace Weatherbee and Sherman Coolidge is one of the prettiest the west has ever produced. Six years ago Miss Weatherbee went to Fort Washack, eighteen miles east of Lander, to visit the family of J. K. Moore, the post trader there. She met and immediately fell in love with Sherman Coolidge, a full-blooded Arapahoe Indian, tall, straight as an arrow, with piercing black eyes, supple body and a mien and voice unusually earnest for even an Arapahoe Indian. He was then, as he is now, engaged in mission work on the Shoshone reservation. He called several times to see Miss Weatherbee and openly pressed his suit. She was not slow in consenting, and after all her friends realized that she was determined to become the man's bride, and would elope with him if need be, they gave reluctant consent and the ceremony was performed.

Since that day Mrs. Coolidge has lost many of the graces of the white woman of culture and education, but she has a look of supreme happiness in her eyes and seems entirely contented with her earnest, grave-faced husband and the brown, black-eyed baby she carries on her back.

On the reservation she is an angel of mercy, visiting the sick at all times of the day and night, helping the unfortunate and giving her husband the greatest help in his work of educating and uplifting the more ignorant members of his tribe.

## Why Branch Was Both Insulted and Killed

From Pittsburg Dispatch.

If there is any branch of the federal service that needs reform more than any other it is the commissioned force of the navy. Most of the troubles grow out of the belief and the teaching that officers of the army and the navy are gentlemen—not in the American sense of the term, but more nearly in the sense that the word is used in Europe.

Midshipman Branch was killed because he had had it drilled into him that he had to resent the "insult" which Merriweather had offered, in the way prescribed by the unwritten laws of the academy and approved by practically all the officers of the navy. Public sentiment would not tolerate duelling with swords or pistols, so the "gentlemen" of the navy have devised the prize ring scheme for settling the differences that in civil life would be permitted to remain differences.

Being a gentleman in the European sense of the term the young man had to fight—to do something that would have caused him to be derided if he had been in civil life and wanted to be called a gentleman. He had to fight in cold blood. It would not have been gentlemanly had he thumped the man who is supposed to have insulted him when the insult was given.

But the fist fight is not the worst feature in the life of the naval officer. The thing that is the worst is the squirming he must do, in a financial sense, to hold up his end as a gentleman. First he must be made over into the artificial thing which the code of the army and the navy recognizes as a gentleman and then he must live up to the unwritten laws of the caste. So many of them try to do it that the number of offenses against the laws of honest dealing in the matter of money is alarmingly great.

Nearly every week witnesses an officer of the army or the navy thrown out for duplication of pay accounts, embezzlement or some other offense growing out of the supposed necessity for having money.

It is not one of the rules of the code of army and navy officers of the lower grades to live within their salaries. After the officers get to the higher grades their good American sense returns and they do live within their incomes, and, in many instances, spend the last years of their lives paying off debts created before they arrive at the conclusion that the other way of living is not worth while.

## Made While Growing.

Oriental gardeners are adepts at their work, the most striking production of one of their number being a natural arm chair, in which the required shape was attained during the growth of a vine. Almost from its first appearance the vine had been carefully treated in anticipation of the use to which it was to be put. By the time it had attained full growth it was formed into a rustic arm chair. All of the joints were made by grafting, so that the chair is practically in one solid piece, and after it had attained a growth of some three feet it was cut and thoroughly dried. Finally it was polished, the wood taking a finish not unlike mahogany.

## Feast of Kisses.

Halmagen, in Roumania, possesses a public festival which is probably unique in the world. It is a little town of about 1,200 inhabitants, and on the morning of its annual fair day the population from about eighty villages come trooping in in swarms. To them go out all the young women, married or single, of Halmagen, each bearing a small flower garland and vessel of wine, and all attended by their godmothers—this last precaution is taken from motives of deference for Mrs. Grundy. As the visitors approach the young women offer to each a taste of wine and—a kiss.

## CHILDREN WRITE A LETTER TO OLD SANTA CLAUS

Attention, children of Albuquerque! Santa Claus will soon be getting his pack of presents ready for distribution among you. Christmas eve. Write a letter to the "Santa Claus Editor" of The Evening Citizen, telling in your own words just what you would most like to have for Christmas, and the editor will see that old Santa gets your letter. Write on the side of the paper only, and sign your full name and address. We will do the rest. The letters will be published in the issues of Saturday, December 23 and 29, so get your letters into the editor in time for these editions.

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Wm. Kleke, Prop.

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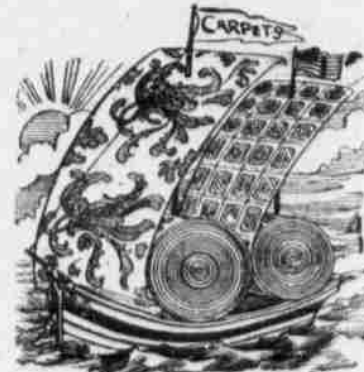
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